

Tragic Hero Children's Book

Dutro - English 10 - 2017 Fall Final

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Tragic Hero Archetype has appeared all over the world for thousands of years. From *Daedalus and Icarus* to *Othello* to *The Pearl*, it is a pattern that has consistently told cautionary tales to audiences of all ages, interests, and backgrounds. For the grand finale of our semester reading *Othello* and *The Pearl*, you will write and illustrate a children's book that follows the Tragic Hero Archetype.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Apply the tragic hero archetype to your own writing by writing and illustrating a tragic hero's narrative.
- Apply various literary devices to your own writing in order to enhance engagement and clearly and creatively express ideas.

COMMON CORE STANDARDS

RL.9-10.1: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RL.9-10.2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

W.9-10.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

W.9-10.3.B: Use narrative techniques such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

W.9-10.3.C: Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.

W.9-10.3.E: Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.

W.9-10.4: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

L.9-10.1: Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

L.9-10.2: Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

L.9-10.5: Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Your narrative must have the following characteristics:

- It must be appropriate for children of all ages.
- It must follow the Tragic Hero Archetype.
 1. **The Beginning:** the character is relatable and honorable
 2. **Hubris:** excessive pride or good standing
 3. **Hamartia:** the hero's flaw or error in judgement
 4. **Peripeteia:** reversal of fortune brought about by the hamartia
 5. **Anagnorisis:** the hero realizes that his reversal of fortune was brought about by his own actions
 6. **Tragic Death:** can be literal or figurative
- Every page must be illustrated. Illustrations can be hand drawn images, digital images, collages, pup-ups, or interactive.
- It must have a front and back cover:
 - The front cover must include the title, author, and an illustration.
 - The back cover must include a synopsis of the plot and a short About the Author section.
 - It must be free of all spelling and grammatical errors.